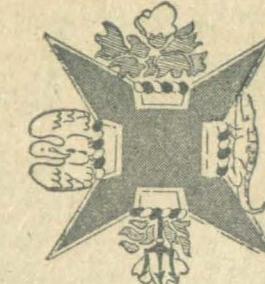




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Inspection Today Of All Equipment

Every Article Of General And Personal Equipment To Be Inspected By Chosen Officers

The most comprehensive inspection of personnel, articles of clothing, and organization and motor equipment since the 31st Division's arrival in December was held this morning to determine existing shortage in individual clothing and other equipment preparatory to summer maneuvers. Results of the all-unit check-up will be made known Monday when the 390 officers and equal number of enlisted men detailed to the gigantic task compile statistics.

Every man in the division, including cooks, K. P.'s, men attending schools, and others with specialized duties, was included in the minute inspection. Those with urgent duties were inspected first or relieved by men already inspected but all had been inspected by 12 noon, four hours after activities began at eight.

The 390 inspecting officers who made the rounds received their instructions from Lt. Col. William S. Shipman, inspector general for the 31st Division. Several meetings were held before Saturday, with all attending, to iron out complications and procedure, brought about by the hugeness of the task. Enlisted men recommended by unit commanders as capable of acting as clerks, following their own inspection aided the officers by recording deficiencies found.

Each regiment was designated a senior officer and each company or battery in turn was assigned three inspectors. The senior officer of the group inspected organizational equipment, the other two checking personal equipment and clothing. No battalion or company commanders were included in the group of 390 who made the division rounds to determine the 31st's condition.

Private Joins "Rough Riders"

The playful lads of Company H, of the 106th Medical Regiment really took Private Jewel Stamps of Hattiesburg, Miss., for a ride recently. The journey was not only a surprise and a rough one, but Private Stamps will remember it a long time. On a recent trip into the woods, Stamps settled into one of those light, speedy medical trailers for his nighty snooze. The next thing he remembered was being awakened from a deep dream by a sudden movement of the trailer. After a whirling, hair-raising ride, Stamps at last was safe and sound. He had parked the trailer at the top of a hill and some of his "pals" set the thing to moving towards the deep woods.

Co-Workers Meet Under New Boss

Paths cross in a strange manner, and coincidences are funny things. In the 106th Medical Regiment are four men who worked under the same boss back in New Orleans, La. Now they are still together — First Sergeant N. Romaguera and Sergeant Leonard Katz in Company A, and Sergeant Alvin Jas in Company D. Another who worked under the same boss in the Crescent City is Private Ewing Langlois of Company H, of the 156th Infantry.

Floor Was Smooth Anyway, Says Pvt.

You never can tell whether you are making a good impression on a young lady, observes Pvt. Lester A. Beard, Hq. Det. 1st Bn. 156th Infantry.

Lester was dancing with a beautiful new acquaintance in Green Cove Springs the other night when the fair lady remarked:

"Don't you think the floor is smooth?"

Thinking he was making headway Beard was quick to answer: "It sure is honey."

"Then how about you dancing on it," the pretty young thing suggested.

Service Club Lists Schedule

Enlisted men of the 31st Division are reminded this week about the many convenient facilities offered by the Division Service Club for their convenience. All departments of the Service Club are now active, including the cafeteria, library, guest house, and the recreational units. Mrs. C. W. Chalker, senior hostess, reviewed the Club's program for the coming week, and ALL soldiers of the Division are urged to spend their leisure time at the club.

Every Sunday is visitors day. The service club is the regiments only "living room" and here enlisted men meet and entertain friends and relatives.

Monday night is "write home" and "give away" night. Soldiers are furnished all writing materials, and a new stamp vending machine sells stamps at cost. On this night the many post cards, clothes hangers, magazines and the dozens of other nick knacks contributed during the week by friends of the Army are given away to the soldiers.

Tuesday night is "club night" when the Fencing Club, The Dixie Players (rehearsing "The Drunkard" for early presentation), and various fraternal organizations meet.

Wednesday night is talent night and the show next week will come from Jacksonville.

Thursday night the weekly quiz program will hold sway, under direction of Captain Ben Hudson, Division Recreation Officer. Everyone is urged to attend and prizes are awarded. Prizes include \$5.00 in cash and many useful items of wearing apparel for soldiers. Every contestant is treated to a Coca-Cola. The program is educational as well as entertaining as the questions are based on data found in "The Soldiers' Handbook."

Friday night the soldiers of the 106th Quartermaster regiment will give a dance.

Saturday afternoon horseshoe and archery contests will be held on the lawn. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

Fox Hunting Here Without Horses

Some regiments cite long marches to prove the soldiers are in condition. In the future the 155th regiment of Mississippi will tell the story of how two soldiers of the Service Company chased a fox so long that he fell dead of exhaustion.

Members of the company were surprised to see a fox walk down the street. Sergeant Robert Shirley and Pvt. Clyde Sardo immediately raced after the furry intruder. Instead of the men becoming tired, the fox suddenly fell dead in his tracks.

124th Area Gets Face Lifting

Under the direction of Lt. Col. George A. DeCotes and 2nd Lt. Frank H. Crowe the grounds of the 124th Infantry have undergone a transformation this week. A new clay covered parking lot and the wood duck walks around regimental headquarters have been replaced with tile. The 124th is also proud of its novel sign post which gives directions and distances to Army posts throughout the country and to some of our largest cities as well.

Soldiers Get More Ride Than They Bargained For

Thirty-six soldiers were seated in an Orange Lines bus Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock, waiting for, and expecting, an uneventful ride back to Camp Blanding. It was hot and stuffy; some of them dozed in their seats, others read magazines, a few laughed and joked.

No one thought it cause for alarm when a young man, dressed in civilian clothes, entered the bus, climbed into the driver's seat, and took charge of the controls. The bus lurched from the station, but instead of heading east for the camp, the driver turned right and started out on the Gainesville road.

"Saay," drawled one soldier now aroused from his leisurely napping, "doesn't this bus go to Camp Blanding?"

They careened across a lawn and sideswiped another automobile.

"This bus is going to Gainesville," the driver shouted. "But I'll take you anywhere in Florida you wanna go!"

Now thoroughly convinced that something was rotten in Den-

Division Learns Fighting In Make Believe Town

Camp Laundry Handling "Flat" Work



This is a typical scene at the recently opened Camp Laundry: stacks of sheets are being unloaded preparatory to being checked and "put through the mill." The laundry will be better organized soon, it is stated.

Unloaded Gun Plasters Plaster

Corporal Oscar M. Spivey and his good friend, Pvt. Willie Joe Griffin, were together this past week-end at the home of the latter when it all happened. Pvt. Griffin was demonstrating to the Corporal the finer points in handling a rifle, using his father's shot gun for a weapon. When the infantryman came to Port Arms there was a loud, deafening, "BOOM!" After the smoke had sufficiently cleared to allow visibility the two startled soldiers discovered that a very large part of "Pa" Griffin's room ceiling was definitely missing! Pvt. Griffin can now vouch for the saying that guns which aren't loaded sometimes are.

Reporter Paints Tragic Picture

An E. J. Land Legend Sgt. David Hyde, Battery C, 117th Field Artillery, asks all men connected with the Camp Blanding sewer department to be on the lookout for a pair of false teeth.

Bending over a toilet recently, Sgt. Hyde dropped his teeth into the water and somebody flushed it before he had a chance to recover them.

"Stuffed-Shirt" Dupes Intelligence School

Two hundred and twenty wide-eyed spectators composing the Division Intelligence school were horrified Wednesday to see an observer of the 124th Infantry outpost demonstration team fall a hundred feet from the top of a tree. Staff Sgt. Bennett T. Waites and Corporal Fred Stephens, Hq. Det. 3rd Bn., 167th Infantry, led the onlookers as they dashed to the side of the broken body lying at the foot of the tree-observation post, ready to lend what assistance they could. Much to their chagrin they discovered the "body" to be a dummy in full army uniform.

Dixie Officer Is Speaker At Univ.

Colonel Oswald W. McNeese, Public Relations Officer, was Commencement Luncheon speaker for the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, at 12:30 P. M., June 2. His subject was "College Men and their Place in Military Service."

New Newspaper

Special news and announcements of the 155th regiment will appear in a one page mimeograph sheet, "The Rebel War Whoop," recreational officer Lt. George Donovan stated today. The paper is posted in conspicuous places and a few are distributed to the companies.

106th Q. M. Has Dance

The 106th Quartermaster regiment will hold a dance at the regimental recreation hall the night of Friday, June 13, at which arrangements are being made to have the popular swing band of the 114th Field Artillery supply music for the affair.

Artillerymen Paint Tents

The new month brought new ambition to members of the 14th Field Artillerymen, and now the Mississippi boys present solid rows of white tents, for the tent brushes were in action all week. One of the ambitious painters preferred pink to white, but was soon ordered to cover his pinkish work with standard white.

Florida Regiment Opens Training As Division Gets First Taste Of Battle Conditions In Latest Means Recorded

Pictures on page three.

The 124th Infantry had the honor of opening the 31st Division's latest training phase, when they carried out a simulated attack on a "Hollywood" town two miles east of Camp. In the first such practice of its kind in history, the Florida soldiers swept into the city of false fronts in the face of machine gun fire, aerial bombs and smoke screens.

Similar Names Cause Confusion When Sgt. Wanted

Whenever the telephone rings in the 117th Field Artillery regimental headquarters and the voice on the other end asks to speak to "Sgt. White" the answer usually is "Which one?" The reply "Master Sgt. White" gets the same query, "Which one?" When the person telephoning hesitatedly explains "Master Sgt. R. White," he more than often astonished to hear the laconic "Which one?" again.

Yes, that's right. There are two master sergeants working in the headquarters building who have the same name. One is Sgt. Raymond White, the other Sgt. Russ White and they're both from Dolthan, Alabama.

Men in headquarters are finally solving the problem, though. When the telephonist asks for "Sgt. White," he gets a new reply, "Big or little White?" You see, the resemblance ends in names and home towns. Sgt. Raymond White weighs 240 pounds and Sgt. Russ White tips the scales at 150.

Chaplain Asks Gun For Self

The junior Chaplain of the 167th Infantry doesn't intend to be caught unprepared should fighting begin. Since he expects to be among his men in the front lines Chaplain Samuel M. Hughes is trying to convince the regimental commander, Col. Walter M. Thompson, that he should be issued a pistol with which to protect himself in combat.

"I'm afraid the enemy might not know I'm a chaplain," Lt. Hughes explained.

Work And Travel Is Company Motto

Members of Headquarters Co., 124th Infantry, are managing to get in some good times each week end as well as train those pigeons.

When the soldiers take week end leaves they take along one of the young birds being trained by the unit for messengers, turn them loose and let instinct carry on. The pigeons, without exception so far, have winged their way on home.

Going Some Place? . . . Learning Period



Eight girls and five lads from Kirby-Smith high school, Jacksonville, presented a series of comedy skits to a well-filled audience of 116th Artillerymen in that regiment's recreation hall Wednesday night. Arrangements for the program were made by Lt. Woodrow Dickey, recreation officer, and the evening's entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Eufaula Baker, of Jacksonville, director of dramatics at Kirby-Smith. The Jacksonville Entertainers also appeared at the 31st Division Service Club the same evening.

Bugler Plays For First Pay

Pvt. Hill Reid, bugler of the 117th F. A. Regiment for the past five months, blew his first "Payroll" call Wednesday. Tents of duty had kept him from tooting on previous paydays.

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JOBS FOR SOLDIER'S WIVES

Into the offices of the DIXIE came a classified notice which is worthy of more attention than a mere inch of space. Some thoughtful person, capable of thinking further than his own immediate need, has requested that the wife of some soldier stationed here apply for a position in his home as helper.

The offer includes a room, moderate pay, Sundays off and the privilege of having her husband as guest. The telephone number is 121, Camp Blanding, and there more information will be furnished.

It is certainly a fine thing to see that some people appreciate the worries of the married soldier. There are hundreds of cases of men in this camp who have to struggle to maintain a home for their wives on an army salary. There are few decent jobs open to women in this vicinity.

If more people in Jacksonville, Starke, Gainesville, St. Augustine and other surrounding towns would remember the pressure these couples are under trying to maintain a home, it would be certain to help in quite a few cases.

Many soldiers here are married, some unable to bring their wives to this vicinity, some struggling through in order that the couple might remain together. This is a trying period, and it is only natural that two people who are married are going to make every effort to see one another as much as possible.

These women, many have never had to work before, are not too proud to seek employment. They are willing to take jobs in order to be with their men, and it brings a cheerful feeling to see someone trying to help in this effort.

Perhaps some employment bureau might be started to help these couples in their attempts to make a go of married life, perhaps more people can be brought to realize how much good they could do by furnishing employment for these women who have never received the recognition they deserve.

USE YOUR RECREATION FACILITIES

Week by week more and more members of the 31st Division are taking advantage of the recreational facilities offered by the Service Clubs, of which there are three serving the soldiers from Dixie. Yet it is our belief that there are many others who have yet to realize the opportunity for well-spent leisure time that the club offers.

In fact, we know of instances in which trainees living a few blocks from a particular Service Club did not know where it was located or what the building was for—this, despite many posted bulletins from GHQ and publication of service club activities in the Dixie. Practically every night in the week there is some scheduled program being held—Quiz Nights, Concerts, Plays, Dances and many other recreational events. In addition, the men can relax, read and write in a comfortable, unhurried atmosphere that is a beneficial change from the drabness of their tents.

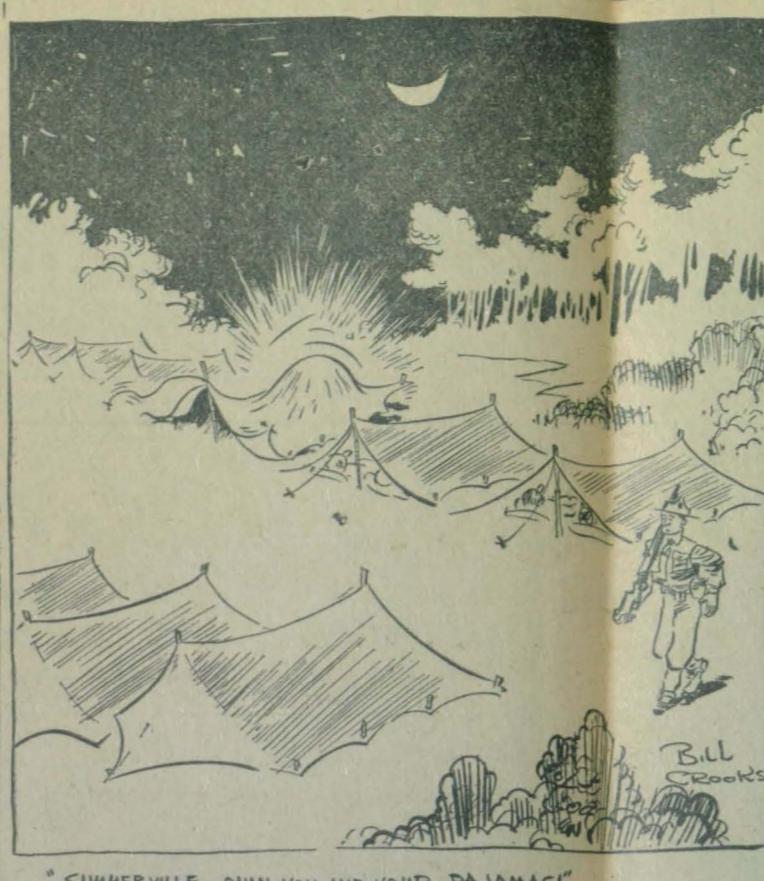
Each service club also features a library, from which soldiers may take books in a large variety of fields, and thus further use their leisure hours to good advantage. More books are being added weekly, and each librarian is trained to advise the soldiers as to their reading programs, if they desire it.

If you haven't been to a service club, we say, take off some night and visit one.

BACK YOUR PAPER

Several new publications have made their appearance, taking their places with such old timers as the Mississippi Dragon and the Alabam. These papers do a great job toward promoting a working together spirit within a unit as well as furnishing news.

Remembering the troubles encountered before full time reporters were assigned to the press section, the editor urges all men who have the interest of their unit publication at heart to furnish a steady supply of news and give all other support possible.



ANTI-TANK COMPANY IS A UNIT WITHIN ITSELF

"Baby regiment" well describes the infantry anti-tank company, typified by the anti-tank company of the 167th Infantry. It is self-subsistent, depending on no other arm or service in carrying out the difficult task of defending the regiment from tank attack.

The company has its own communications, supply, transportation, maintenance, administration and combat groups. It further provides an anti-tank warning system for the regiment.

The communications section is equipped with five voice radios, 12 sound-powered telephones and 1 vehicular radio, voice and CW. The company's total transportation consists of four command cars, four "bantam" cars, 1 radio truck, 21 trucks (prime movers) and three cargo trucks. In addition the anti-tank section of the service company supplies two cargo trucks and one trailer for the transport of the kitchen, rations, baggage and ammunition. Each truck of the company is provided with a mount for an automatic rifle or a light machine gun. Two motor mechanics make up the maintenance group during operations.

Intensive and varied training is required to fit the personnel to handle the multi-type equipment of the company. In addition to receiving basic infantry training the anti-tank men are trained as individual soldiers and servants of crew-operated weapons. All members of the company are taught to operate motor vehicles and to serve the auto rifle.

Anti-tank units must be trained with and against tank units. They are taught the teamplay between tank and anti-tank units and they are also taught their basic role of tank destroyers by exercises involving tanks versus anti-tank. They are thoroughly instructed in the strong and weak points of tanks, their distinguishing characteristics and their combat methods.

Commanders stress the blindness that characterizes all tanks and point out how this enhances the value of cover and concealment. In particular do they emphasize the foolhardiness of flight before armored vehicles. They show that flight is a clear invitation to destruction, that the fight between the antitank and his armored foe lasts but a few minutes and that a cool head, a steady eye and hand and tenacious spirit will consistently master the tank. Antitankers must also be taught the dangers that lie in a premature opening of fire; they are shown that this discloses their position and may give the hostile artillery a chance to pound them to pieces before they can deal with their main enemy—the tank. Throughout their training they are continuously schooled in estimating ter-

rain from the point of view of its practicability for tank movement, in the relative effectiveness of anti-tank obstacles, in recognizing all types of friendly and enemy tanks and in the signal prescribed for warning and identification.

The company is armed with 12 37mm anti-tank guns; 12 automatic rifles, 87 M-1 rifles and 92 pistols. The 37mm gun is the principal weapon of the company although it is expected to be replaced by the 75mm anti-tank gun. Specifications of the 37mm gun show it to be effective against light and medium tanks with an accurate maximum range of 1000 yards. A practicable rate of fire is 10 rounds per minute.

It has relative wide traverse of 60 degrees and has a high mobility on roads and in cross-country movement.

Contrary to opinion the rifleman plays an important role in the anti-tank company. Rifle squads including automatic riflemen are the only means of defense the individual 37mm guns have against rapidly advancing foot troops.

The strength of the company is 6 officers and 179 enlisted men.

Weather Problem Solved By Cooks

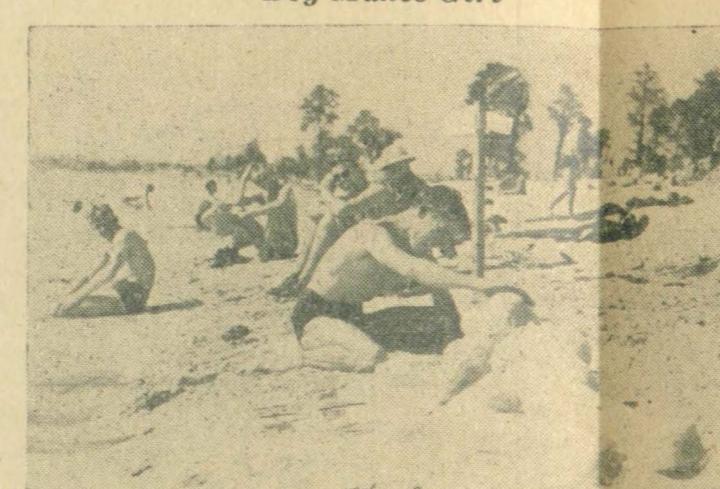
Pvt. Joe B. Willett and Pvt. Samuel L. Parrish, both cooks of Company A, 124th Infantry have solved the hot weather problem,

at the Division theatre. They were seen this week with a large pillow under one arm and a jug of ice water under the other. "The army isn't so bad, it's just the way you take it," remarked the cooks.

Song Leading Sgt. Widely Sought Now

First Sergeant Martin, Headquarters Battery, 2nd Bn. 117th F. A., demonstrated a heretofore undiscovered talent when he led Pts. Fred Welch and Bill Andrews in a singing "spree" that grew to regimental proportions before the evening was over. Sergeant Martin is now in demand as leader of a proposed Community Singing for the 117th.

Boy Makes Girl



This soldier went to the beach to relax and forget his worries, but they seem to have remained and obviously weren't of a military nature. The amateur artist who is doing such a swell job of sand sculpture is Pfc. M. L. McQuaig, Anti-Tank Co., 124th Infantry.

Specialists All—

THE RANK OF SERGEANT MAJOR IS MYTHICAL BUT THE WORK ISN'T

It doesn't take much to be a regimental sergeant major. All you have to do is to have a better-than-average education, be an able executive, know how to handle men lower than yourself so that they'll like it, know how to handle men higher than yourself so that they'll like it, have some previous business experience, and know soldiering inside out. As witness to this statement is the fact that there are only 10 regimental sergeant majors in the entire Thirty-First Division . . . A number smaller than the number of Colonels.

Although there is no officially recognized "sergeant-major" rank in the Army, every regiment has a master sergeant who unofficially holds the title, a holdover from the days when it was a recognized ranking. The sergeant major is usually the oldest master sergeant in the regiment in years of service. However, in the 167th Inf., regiment, it's Sgt. Riley M. Howell, who enlisted in October, 1940. They are picked for managerial ability, astuteness, common sense and all the other things that go to make up leadership.

The duties of the regimental sergeant major are many. He must go into the field when his regiment goes to supervise administrative duties in the field. All orders, proceedings of court-martial, and paper work of the regiment go through his office. And, more than anything else, he acts as a "go-between" for enlisted men and officers.

Closely connected with the office of regimental sergeant major is that of personnel sergeant major. Each of the infantry regiments has one of these and Division headquarters has a number of them. They act as the regimental sergeant major's assistants, handling payrolls, records, morning reports, sick reports, service reports, records of discharges, requests for furloughs and many other smaller items of administration.

He Made It By The Watch

Pvt. Charles Le Blanc, Co. H, 156th Infantry, is probably the most conscientious man in the 31st Division.

In order to get back to Camp Blanding before his leave expired Pvt. Le Blanc drove to New Orleans from his home town, Jeannette, La., caught a plane to Jacksonville, and spent all the money he had and all he could borrow on a wrist-watch to ride the forty miles from the airport to Camp Blanding.

He arrived three minutes before the company fell out for reveille.

Substitute For Injured Officers

Lieutenant William H. Wiseman and Lt. Doyle H. Waldrup were appointed co-recreational and athletic directors of the 114th Field Artillery this week. The Lieutenant will serve in place of Lieutenant John D. Johnston who was injured recently in an automobile accident near Selma, Alabama, on his way home for a leave. Lt. Johnston will resume his former duties on his return to service here.

Not Dead, Chivalry, Captain Proves

Captain John G. Berry, 155th Infantry Adjutant, proved recently beyond question that the age of chivalry still lives.

The clatter of typewriters in the regimental headquarters was suddenly stilled by the entrance of a beautiful lady—red was her hair. Captain Barry asked if he could assist her. In a few minutes the Lady and the Captain left the building.

A half-hour later the officer returned. His friends, curious, asked where he had been. Answered the Captain "Oh—I was helping her find her dog."

Weiner Roast For 117 F. A. En. Men

Enlisted men of the 117th F. A. were guests of honor at a weiner roast on the Lake Swan Conference camp grounds last week. The picnic was supervised by Corp. Auburn Hayes, a member of the unit's Service and Ammunition battery, who is superintendent of the camp grounds.



It seems that credit should go where credit is due, and so the Dixie must lay claim to a scoop no reader was ever permitted to see. But the subject of the story, Corporal Charles D. Pou, almost had a heart attack when the issue hit the press.

It seems that the young non-com was married. Well, he was satisfied with the situation and she was a very attractive girl, but the couple had, with lack of foresight of youth, omitted informing either set of parents. Accordingly, he was quite unhappy to receive a copy of the week's Dixie, with the news spread over the front page. And the bride's father is stationed in the 31st.

Corporal Pou immediately grabbed the nearest telephone and demanded that the printing of the paper be stopped; said that he would pay for all copies which had been run if the story could be killed. He was informed that six thousand copies had already been run, and the cost would be prohibitive. With a broken hearted sigh, he gave up the ghost and retired to a convenient corner where he could brood in silence.

His stony hearted cohorts let the poor lad suffer in silence for a full day, before they told him the truth; that the story had appeared in only four issues, all of which were in his hands. Another story had been substituted after they had been run. But it was still a scoop, and now the Dixie is happy to repeat the story which it reluctantly withheld from a palpatating public: The Dixie announces the forthcoming marriage last December of Corporal Charles D. Pou to the former Miss Genevieve Long.

Those men who walk down the street in town, all looking alike and giving the same blurred impression of a khaki blob; they are nothing but soldiers, and it gets to be a habit of all who contact them to regard soldiers as a class.

This is a great mistake, for they are the same men who would be a thousand individuals were they dressed for civilian life. They have their own personalities, their own lives, their own futures, their own dreams; in fact they seldom even are alike under that drab appearance.

All this unwanted serious meditation was brought about by a trip through the 114th Field Artillery, this writer's former home when the division first arrived in Blanding. Only when you know the story of a man do you realize the significance of this army.

Not in a historical way, but in its effect on lives and personalities. Rich men enjoy their leaves arm in arm with men who earned every cent they ever owned. Professors bunk with men who made their living from the physical labor their bodies could do.

All this is fine. Men will come out of this experience with viewpoints they would never have attained had they remained in the civilian social cycle. They get a chance to "see how the other half lives," only in this case "thinks" could be substituted for "lives."

They will learn that the people who they perhaps thought had snubbed them were really swell fellows who were too busy or too preoccupied to be a hail fellow well met chap. Others will find that men they had avoided are really swell guys when they are known.

The army furnishes a common meeting ground; a place where each can learn to judge men when all imitation is gone and he is judged by the man that he is. This experience should prove invaluable in giving all a chance to learn to be an accurate judge of his fellowman.

REDUCED PRICES

A number of commercial entertainment enterprises in the vicinity of Camp Blanding have recently indicated their good will towards Dixie soldiers by extending reduced prices to men in uniform. The list includes many of northeast Florida's most outstanding attractions, and is:

Silver Springs, offering a \$2 trip for \$1 in the glass bottom boats.

Ravine Gardens (Palatka) will charge soldiers only 28 cents in convoys of 50.

Marine Studios (near St. Augustine) charges half price, plus tax.

Rainbow Springs offers half price admission to soldiers and to their civilian companions, if any.

The Keystone Heights Golf Course rents the nine hole green to soldiers for 50 cents; caddie fee, 25 cents. The management is willing to turn the course over to military personnel for maintenance.

Trips through Fort Marion and Fort Mantanzas (St. Augustine) are offered free to men in uniform.

Admission to Central Florida Baseball League games is 25 cents to soldiers.

At Juniper Springs Recreation Area (in Ocala National Forest) a Jungle Canoe Trip (three to a canoe) may be enjoyed for \$2.50, including return to start by automobile.

Soldiers are admitted to the Oriental Gardens (Jacksonville) for 30 cents instead of 55 cents.

Soldiers are offered special prices to the University of Florida (Gainesville) games as follows: Randolph, Macon and Tampa University games, 25 cents; Villanova and Georgia Tech games, 50 cents; Georgia State and UCLA games, 50 cents, if additional seats are available.

Multiple Names In One Unit

Molars Inspected In Medical Regt.

If you ever feel like being mobbed, just call for "John," "Bill," "Sam," "Joe," "Frank," or "Ernest" in Louisiana's 156th Infantry band. In the unit, which has a total of 28 members, there are four Johns, four Bills, two Sams, two Joes, two Franks, two Georges and two Ernests. The 106th Medical Regiment is at present conducting a dental survey of all companies. Dental offices have been established in all companies having clearing stations. Members of the ambulance companies have their surveys carried on by companies having clearing stations.

"We Have The Situation Well In Hand"



The 124th moves into Thompsonville in mopping up operations as that Regiment had its first taste of house to house fighting in Blanding's "Hollywood" town. This ghost village, ordered built by Major General John C. Persons, will serve as a training site for every unit of the Division, giving them actual stage settings for their practice. As bombers roared overhead, smoke screens made vision difficult and machine guns and rifles barked, the Florida soldiers efficiently carried out their attack, cleared the streets of enemy and set up defense against counter attacks. In the pictures above: 1. A squad overturns a car to be used as a barricade (notice the sniper on the right hand corner of the market roof); 2. The riflemen, using the overturned automobile as a shield, open fire on enemy further up the street; 3. An automatic rifleman, using sandbags and improvised shield, lays down a covering fire for advancing infantrymen (the sniper on the roof of the market has been discovered and a machine gun burst brings him down—of course a dummy was used); 4. An engineer truck brings up equipment for barbed wire entanglements and the hairy eared boys set up barricades; 5. Machine gunners and automatic riflemen prepare protection against enemy action as runners dash hurriedly about; 6. Machine gun nest awaits counter attack.

QUARTERMASTER REGIMENT LEADS DIV. FOR PX SPENDING

Dixie Division soldiers spent \$135,898 with the division's eleven regimental exchanges and the Division Theatre canteen during May, a report issued by Colonel Waldo Willis, division exchange officer, this week revealed. This \$7.00 with the exchanges during the month.

Some interesting statistics were listed, among them means that each man in the Division, on the average, spent that Coca-Cola is Dixie's favorite drink, 7,500 bottles going over the counter every day. Other soft drinks sold at the rate of 3,000 bottles daily combined, while 7,000 cans or bottles of beer were bought daily. About 10,000 packages of cigarettes, 1,500 cigars, and 2,500 packages of smoking tobacco are sold every 24 hours, with Lucky Strikes leading the field. And southern soldiers have a sweet tooth, for they buy 4,500 bars of candy a day, with Baby Ruth as the prime favorite.

Each month has a marked increased business in the exchange. In April the turnover was five times the December turnover. In May the turnover was 6.4 times larger than the opening month's volume of business.

Every regiment is the owner of its exchange. As soon as the capital investment and money loaned the 43rd Division can be repaid, all company and battery funds in the Division will share in the sizable profits. On or about July 21 regimental ownership and control of the various branch exchanges will revert to the Main Post Exchange. This will give regiments time to organize stock for the field canteens and rolling exchanges to be operated in the field this summer.

The 106th Quartermaster exchange leads the Division in sales volume for May, although the regiment is one of the Division's smallest. On the average, each man of the 106th Q. M. spent 30 cents per day in "P. X. No. 6." This canteen's supervisor, B. O. Baker, blames the excellent patronage on the famous southern hospitality found there, and adds that large numbers of New Englanders from the 43rd Division utilize this nearest (to them) Dixie exchange to satisfy their natural curiosity about southerners. Clerks in the exchange assert that northern soldiers have thanked them for the courtesy and hospitality with which they are served. Special Troops canteen trails the Q. M. exchange by a few cents. Special Troops, numbering around 800, have the largest per capita payroll in the Division.

New Books Now At Dixie Library

The following new books were received in the 31st Division's library in Service Club No. 1 during the past week:

"This Above All," by Eric Knight

"What About Advertising," by Kenneth M. Goode and Harford Powel, Jr.

"You Can't Go Home Again," by Thomas Wolfe.

"Personal Exposures," by Rex Beach.

"Winged Warfare," by Major General H. H. Arnold and Colonel Ira C. Eaker.

"Do You Need Some Money?" by Alliston Cragg.

"How To Break Into Radio," by Robert DeHaven and Harold S. Kohan.

"Foreign Devils in the Flower Kingdom," by Carl Crow.

"Your Career in Business," by Walter Hoving.

"Complete Instructions to Photography," by J. Harris Gable.

"Pageant of England, 1840 to 1940," by Arthur Bryant.

"Juggernaut Over Holland," by E. N. Van Kiefens.

Regt. Order Will Replace Truant Officer

A regimental order issued this week in the 116th Field Artillery will send 12 soldiers of that regiment to a W. P. A. sponsored reading and writing school every Tuesday and Thursday night the regiment is in camp. The order appeared when voluntary attendance began to lag. Classes are held in the regiment's recreation hall.

Our Regrets

The Editor received this bit of poetic resignation, and due to the fact that it fitted the situation so well, and wasn't bad either, thought he would stick it in this issue. We are sorry that the DIXIE has been unable to publish the many poems submitted, but no allowances have been made for space yet. Some of the offerings have been worthy of notice, and it is with regret they have been omitted. All are appreciated, and from time to time we will publish bits of verse. Keep trying, and adopt the attitude of this soldier.

My offering:

A little poem I did submit
About the Company Clerk,
It told about his troubles
And how he has to work,
I waited for the "DIXIE"
But no poem did I find,
But it didn't hurt my feelings
Cause I really didn't mind.

I will never be a poet
Such as Edgar Allan Poe,
The stuff that I submit to you
Is corney as you know,
But here this week—another
poem

A tasket and a tasket,
Fold it gently please my lad,
And file it in the BASKET.

Stretching Truth Rookie Thinks

The Army can prove very educational at times and usually does. There is the private, for instance, in the 114th Field Artillery who this week learned what shoe trees were for. He saw a pair for the first time the other day and inquired what they were for. "Why, to stretch shoes with, of course," replied the stretching tent occupant.

"Yeah, but they're no good for Army shoes," said the gullible soldier, "they're always supposed to fit, aren't they?"

Officer Week-Ends With Scout Navy

The Adjutant of the Tampa Sea Scout Fleet, Lt. Woodrow Dickey, recreation officer of the 116th Field Artillery, left Thursday on a four day leave to Tampa to be at his post during the annual Sea Scout regatta held in the Gulf of Mexico off Gulf Port Saturday and Sunday. Lt. Dickey is a native of Tampa and the Sea Scout Fleet is the world's largest.

Tiny Monkey; Big Appetite

Doing her bit to foster friendly relations between North and South America is "Toto," a Brazilian addition to the Thirty-First Division.

"Toto," is a tiny female spider monkey owned by Sgt. Charles B. Moody, of Mobile's Headquarters Co., Special Troops. She is no larger than many birds but makes up for her size by liveliness.

Although in this country only a short time and in Camp Blanding only a week, "Toto" has taken up many of the customs of the country. Like many modern American girls, she chews gum whenever she has a chance, eats apples, bananas, peanuts, and other fruits, and enjoys exercise.

Coveralls For All Soldiers

According to a recent issue of the Camp Bulletin, all enlisted men of the Division will soon have three suits of the Army's newly adopted and authorized olive drab herringbone twill work suit uniforms. The coveralls have full cut trousers and pleated-back jackets. With the color, the new uniform offers the men good camouflage in forest areas, as the olive drab color blends with the trees and underbrush. A water repellent hat will also be issued, the bulletin stated.

FORMER WORLD CHAMP WILL INSTRUCT ALABAMS IN BOXING

The men of the 167th Infantry will be taught the manly art of self defense by Petey J. Sarron, former world's featherweight champion. Sarron will begin his instruction Monday night in the regimental recreation hall. Two-hour classes will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week as a part of the regimental recreation program.

"The regiment has a fighting tradition," Sarron said, "and I shall be glad to teach those interested in boxing everything I know about it." There is nothing like boxing training to keep a fellow in good physical condition," he added. He further explained that anyone interested in enrolling in the classes should contact him or the regimental recreation officer.

Cars Go Home Come Next Month

Nearly 4,000 automobiles, the private property of officers and enlisted men of Camp Blanding will probably have to be disposed of before August 1, it was learned this week.

In a notice to the men of the Dixie Division, Major General John C. Persons, Divisional commander, stated in recent conversations with the Supply and Transportation Officer of the 4th Army Corps, "it was indicated that no private motor vehicles will be allowed in the convoy to the Louisiana maneuver area, nor in the area upon arrival. It is suggested that each officer and enlisted man who has a motor vehicle with him make plans for its disposal prior to July 30, 1941." The Camp Provost Marshal's office stated this week that there are 1,600 autos belonging to officers and 2,300 cars owned by enlisted men in camp.

Lucky Sgt. Loses Car

Sgt. Morgan McLelland, Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 117th F. A., can't decide whether he's lucky or unlucky.

In a recent wreck, Sgt. McLellan almost completely demolished his brand new 1941 Chevrolet Sedan.

The only damage to the sergeant was the loss of four front teeth . . . all false.

FORMER MAIL CLERK PLANS AIR MAIL FOR MANEUVERS

Private P. C. Manley, 25, is a member of the 124th Infantry, but serves in the 31st Division post office on special duty by reason of his employment in the Miami, Florida, post office for several years prior to his induction into the Army. And, more to the point, Private Manley is a homing pigeon enthusiast and is now building a pigeon loft at Division Headquarters where he will "home" a number of pigeons for use between Dixie troops and Camp Blanding during maneuvers this summer. Staff officers of the Division including Major General Persons, have manifested interest in the proposal and it is expected that official use will be made of the pigeons.

"Surprise" Ending To Trip Home

It's happened before and no doubt will happen again, but one of those sentimental "surprise" ideas backfired this week, much to the chagrin of Pvt. Jefferson D. Martin of Battery G of the 114th Field Artillery.

The Mississippi soldier decided to pay an unannounced visit to his wife in Greenville over the past weekend, and Mrs. Martin thought it nice to surprise her husband at Camp Blanding. As a result both were surprised—and disappointed—and it took a few telephone calls to straighten out the matter and unite the "surprising" Martins.

Another Unit Has Emergency Fund

Battery A, 117th Field Artillery is the latest unit in the Division to announce the adoption of the "Emergency Fund" instituted by the Anti-Tank Company of the 155th Infantry. The money is collected monthly until a sizeable sum is on hand and is available for company members when emergencies arise.

Profitable Feet

Big feet may be an asset or a liability in the Army; those of Pvt. Joseph C. Meyers, Hq. Det., 2nd Bn., 156th Infantry, are definitely an asset. Pvt. Meyers, who wears size 14EE shoes, is charging his buddies five cents admission to view the footwear issued to him by the Quartermaster Corps. He reports a rushing business.

Smart System Falls Flat

If you want to know the best way of winning a lady's affection, steer clear of the boys doing K. P. duty in the officers' mess of the 156th Infantry regiment.

Last week, the DIXIE told the story of Private Sam Nasello, one of the K. P.'s who danced all night with a girl's grandmother in hopes of making the lady like him a little, and then had to escort the grandmother home. This week it's Pvt. Ames Dore, one of Nasello's buddies, who used a different means and got practically the same results.

Hearing of Nasello's troubles, Dore decided not to make the same mistake. He held his girl friend's small sister, and kept holding her while other soldiers monopolized the older girl's time.

Veteran Recalls World War Days

15 years in the National Guard and a veteran of World War I reads the record of first sergeant Leath E. Smith, now in the HQ. and Service Company, 106th Engineers. Smith served during 1918 and 1919 with the A. E. F. in France.

When he first joined the army the sergeant was attached to Battery C, 140th Field Artillery, commanded at the time by Capt. Harry Hulen, present commander of the engineer regiment. Still sharp in Smith's memory is the year he spent in Europe. He recalls when army planes went aloft just for scouting purposes, without arms, until the day an enterprising aviator brought along a double-barreled shot-gun and actually killed an enemy pilot while speeding along the air lanes.

Dixie Man Finds Old Transfers

If he ever goes to Kansas City, says Pfc. William H. Turnley, Company A, 156th Infantry, he's going to see if they'll still take the transfers he found in the pockets of one of the cartridge belts issued to him recently. Going through the pouches in the belt before putting it on, Pvt. Turnley found tucked far into a corner three transfers dated Jan. 13, 1919, and issued by the Kansas City Street Railway Company.

Turnley's guess is that they belonged to some American soldier who, returning from World War No. 1 was so anxious to get home that he couldn't bother with waiting for a street car.

114 Btry. E, Constructs Outdoor Rec. Center

Battery E, 114th Field Artillery, under the direction of 1st Sgt. John J. Walker, constructed a recreation area recently, and next week it is expected that the baseball field, volley and tennis ball courts will be in use.

The members of the Battery hauled ton after ton of red clay which was packed into a hard surface, and a feature of their playfield will be the movable tennis and volleyball poles, so placed that they can be removed when baseball and softball games are in progress.

Soldiers Soldier: Will Not Talk Back

For a few minutes, an enterprising private of the 106th Engineers thought he had found the ideal soldier—one who wouldn't talk back when spoken to. He found the silent gentleman during the raid this week on the model city near the camp incinerator. Sitting on a scaffold he was, just as pretty as you please, with his feet dangling down. Twice the private called, and distinctly, "Soldier." The third time, too, was without charm. Then he looked more closely: it was, yes, a dummy.

Week-End Picnics For Soldiers At Camp

An otherwise long and dull holiday weekend proved interesting for members of Headquarters Company, 155th Infantry, when Lts. Donald Price and I. C. Talcott, also detailed to stay in camp, arranged three picnics over Memorial Day and the week-end. Men were convoyed to St. Augustine one day and Jacksonville Beach the two other days.

Family Drives 70 Hrs. On Lumber Truck To Join Son Here

The mode of travel and the time it takes to come from Wiggins, Miss., to Camp Blanding presents no problem to the Anderson family when they want to see their son Charles who is a member of Company M, 155th Infantry.

Recently the family piled onto a flat body lumber truck of ancient vintage and drove steadily for 70 hours so that they could be with their son. When night came the family slept on the truck. During their stay here they were guests of Company M.

117 F. A. Improves In Fire Power

Improvement in firing accuracy has been shown by the 117th Field Artillery according to Lt. Co. George N. Sagin, head of the regiment's 2nd Battalion, who supervises the unit while on the range. Col. Sagin made the statement after the organization spent this week on the Artillery range firing 37-mm. and 75-mm. guns.

Mississippi General Visits Canteen



Brigadier General Thomas J. Grayson, right, Adjutant General of Mississippi, pauses in his recent inspection of Mississippi troops to visit a canteen in the 155th Infantry area. With him, left, is Lt. Col. T. B. Birdsong, 155th Infantry. Just before the picture was snapped General Grayson ordered: "Now smile, Damn it!"

TRAPEZE ARTIST NOW TRAINS BY CATCHING K. P. AND GUARD

Member Of Famous Ringling Brothers Aerial Act Now Member Of Dixie Division

"And now, La-deez and Gen-tul-men, we present for your ap-pro-val, the nations fore-most trap-peez-ists—the Nation's most daring family—La-deez and Gen-tul-men: The-six-flying-Ma-tau-ches!"

The chant of the Ringling Brother's Circus barker still runs along much in the same manner. Only now, he says "The Five Ma-tau-ches." And the 1st Sergeant of Company K, 124th Infantry accounts for the other. "Pvt. 1st Class Constantino Matausch!" the sergeant calls every morning, with not too much emphasis on syllabication. Just enough to let Matausch understand that it was "Matausch" and not, say, "Matiskie."

The making of the five that were six came about in January. The Matausches, with their father, now 64, but still an active member, were in Sarasota for the winter. Constantino's draft number was called and with some more people he came on up to Blanding. Already, as the 1st Sergeant points out each morning, he is a 1st Class Private. A corporalcy may come a little later.

He now finds it confining at times, he admits, to come so completely down to earth. Back in the old days, perhaps one-third of his day was spent 45 feet above the sawdust and trapeze pegs. He and his family followed this schedule in Europe, Asia, China and, since coming to America in 1934, the 48 states, Cuba and Canada. At the end of his enlistment, he plans to continue the tour, using the same allotment of time.

Constantino is the only member of the troupe who hasn't fallen from the swinging bars to the net. His father and sister have fallen several times. About this, though, he doesn't gloat for he says it can happen not only in the best but to all of a family. And, as a matter of fact, he did fall once from a truck.

Yes, that one time and off-duty, he did break his leg.

Short-Cut Home Extends Mileage

Technical Sergeant David E. Buckley, already much publicized in the Dixie, has another claim for fame, fellow members of Headquarters Company, 155th Infantry, report. He, they said, single-handed located a new route to Vicksburg, Miss., his hometown, that they think will probably come out as a regimental suggestion. Its only objection is that it's 120 miles longer but you do, they pointed out, get to see Mobile, Ala., twice on your way home. You just sorta drive in a circle, they said.

Officers Weds

Members of Company A, 155th Infantry learned this week that one of their officers, Lt. John Bondrant of Jackson married Miss Iva Jean Wiggins last Saturday. The young couple have returned from a short honeymoon in Miami, Fla., twice on your way home. You just sorta drive in a circle, they said.

The Life Of The Party



Soldiers of Battery F, 116th Field Artillery, more or less tensely listen to a radio program deep in the woods of the artillery range near Sand Hill lake. Our guess is that it wasn't war bulletins from across the way.



Swimming Lessons Designed For Artillery

Swimming lessons in Kingsley Lake will begin Wednesday afternoon for 17 "land-lubbers" of the 116th Field Artillery. This number, amounting to ten percent, failed the swimming test given the 170 soldiers in the regiment's band, Medical Detachment, and First Battalion Headquarters Battery recently. A swimming test will be given as soon as possible to every man in the 116th, Col. Homer W. Hesterly, the commanding officer, has announced, to make these Florida artillerymen "at home" and safe in the water as well as on land. To pass the test, men must swim 100 yards using at least two swimming strokes.

114th Bridge Team Seeks New Players

Battery B of the 114th Field Artillery has a bridge team that claims the championship of the regiment and also invites outside challenges. Private Eugent Heran is the man for challenging quartettes to see.

Major Faints On Long March

One Major in the 167th Infantry found the march to Keystone Heights last week just a little too much.

After 15 miles of it, and with obvious shame that he couldn't keep up with his marching men, he laid down by the side of the road. The medical detachment picked him up.

"Major," the big black bulldog mascot of the 167th Infantry, has been having it too easy, it seems.

Camouflage Ability Tried By Airmen

The efficiency of modern camouflage was tested yesterday afternoon when Battery E of the 114th Field Artillery was sent into a nearby maneuver area to place its big guns and men in battle formation. Planes from the 118th Observation Squadron, whose photographers had taken photos of the scene in the morning, then made additional pictures to see whether the camouflage was effective. The morning and afternoon photographs were then compared to test the Field Artillery's camouflaging ability.

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